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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

This document is responsive to the Official Action dated February 21, 2006.

The species drawn to FIGs. 1, 2 and 3 is hereby elected with traverse. Claims 1, 11 and 18 are generic. Claims 12-14 and 19 read on at least FIGs. 1, 2 and 3. Accordingly, claims 1, 11-14 and 18-19 are hereby elected with traverse.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

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